REAL FIGHT IF THESE TWO MEET

Battling Nelson and Jimmy Britt Can Be Depended Upon for Great Scrap.

(BY ROBERT EDGREN.)

my Britt and Battling Nelson come to- knock-outs at the hands of despised gether in Los Angeles. These two al- opponents, and many times has a ways fight. No hippodroming when they meet.

Britt and Nelson form a curious conshaggy, uncouth, rushing continuously with head lowered, butting, elbowing, rubbing his "wire hair" (specially stiffened by being washed in alkali water) in the other fellow's eyes and against his chest. Nelson is so illiterate that he talks like the toughest tramp. He was brought up among farmers and laborers. There are just two things to gain favor for Nelson-he always fights to win and he always keeps on fighting as

long as he can stand on his feet. Britt is exactly opposite in many things. He is well educated for a fighter, having graduated from a high school and continued his studies privately for years afterward. He is almost a dude in his dress. He is smooth and polished in manner and in conversation, and he always has his hair brushed with exac fut Britt. He was born and brought luxury, and took up fighting be-

Contrast in Ring.

the ring he is just as much Atrast to Nelson. Where the all for one long continued, per-Ment, unreasoning attack, Britt is a careful, diplomatic student. He is just as aggressive as Nelson when it comes to a mix-up. Britt is Irish, and he has all of the fighting qualities of his race. He is a very fast boxer, clean and clever, always fighting. But for his last fight with Gans, in which he refused to continue after the fifth round, claiming broken arm, I would not have hesitated to say that he was fully as game as the Dane. Britt has shown remarkable gameness in several fights, notably the one in which he was knocked out by Nelson in the eighteenth round.

ked Gans about the finish of his ritt fight. Gans said: "Britt did s seconds told him to do. He dazed he didn't know he was in I laid myself out to give him worst beating I knew how to give. He was so near out I could have finished him with a punch if he had got

Beaten to a Pulp. that may be, Britt didn't o be knocked out, and the joke became famous. Probact were generally underbutt of so much ridicuts. A game man doesn't lose his nerve in a moment.

I figure it out this way: Jimmy came back to his corner beaten to a pulp. It was evident that he would be knocked out in the next round. He could not hold his guard because his right arm was injured. He was open for Gans' blows. Brother Willus, working on Jimmy in his corner, was doing some rapid calculation stunts in his mind, trying to figure out a way to keep that K O off the record books and save a shred of Jimmy's fighting reputation, 'Jimmy, your arm's broken. You can't said. And Jimmy, dazed and go on," he ck and half delirious from the beating, accepted his manager's judgment.

Grudge Between Them. Brist and Nelson always fight because there is an old grudge between them. Ther couldn't meet in a fight and box n exhibition. Nelson hates Britt because he brushes his hair so neatly. He is secretly jealous of Jimmy's many accomplishments, although Nelson would indignantly deny this. He probably hasn't reasoned it out himself. He hates Britt for his smooth air of superiority when they meet outside of the ring. He thinks Britt is a "dude," and Nelson hates a dude on general principles. He would like to be a bit of a dude himself, and he can't. The rough, shaggy Nelson sticks out plainly through any

disguise of clothes. Have Fought Three Times. hates Nelson because Bat came p. without any of Britt's advantages breeding education, boxing cleveress and all that, and nosed James out of the lightweight championship. Britt despises Nelson. He always feels confident of his own superiority, when they meet. Nelson hates Britt and thinks "I

can lick him, anyhow."
Three times they have fought. The first battle went to Britt on the referee's decision after twenty hard fought rounds. The second was one continual furious mix-up until Nelson knocked Britt out in the eighteenth. The third was fought on the 31st of last July, and Britt won this time decisively.

Bat in Bad Shape.

At the end of the twentieth round Battling Nelson, more terribly battered than he was after the forty-two rounds with Gans at Goldfield, was hanging on the rope alf conscious, holding him-self up with the last shred of that grim bulldog tenacity for which he is famous. Harry Pollok, who sat at the ringside, says Nelson could not have lasted ten seconds longer. As it was, he stuck long enough to lose on the referee's decision instead of by the K. O. route.

If anything, the conditions of this next fight will favor Britt. It is only a tenround affair. Nelson is a long distance nan, while Britt, with his speed, can make a showing in a short scrap as well as in a long one. A knockout by either man is unlikely and unless there is a knockout the Nelson-Britt quarrel will the continued later, no doubt (for a convation), where a decision can be renof the scrap can go to a finish.

COBB WANTS JOB.

iplies for Position of Coach at U. of Georgia.

etroit, Mich., Feb. 29 .- Private inmation was received here today Athens, Ga., that Ty Cobb has ed to the University of Georgia position as coach of the baseball

has given the management its uch of anxiety, as it looks as if were more determined in his nt than he has been given credit

NARROW ESCAPES OF CHAMPIONS

Lucky Punches That Caused Trouble for Holders of Pugilistic Titles.

Many and narrow have been the es-There will be a great fight when Jim- capes of champion pugilists from champion been fairly knocked out, but escaped the consequences through the partiality of the referee, who did not trast in the ring. Nelson is rough, have the heart to see the title holder put away by a man not in the same class. It is a fact that many pugilists seek an epportunity to take advantage of the champion, thereby hoping to gain reputation and riches at small effort and little danger.

No boxer ever had a more painful experience in that respect than Robert Fitzsimmons, who in his day was the greatest man in the world for his weight. In 1894, three years after Fitz won the middleweight championship from Jack Dempsey, and at a time when he was earnestly endeavoring to get on a bout with Jim Corbett for the heavyweight honors, Fitz made a six-round match with Joe Choynski, to be decided in a Boston theatre.

Fitzsimmons was engaged to be married to Rose Julian, sister of Martin Julian, and the freckled fury had little thought of going in a set battle. But Choynski had an idea which he kept to himself, and that was that there would be a fine chance to introduce the celebrated double cross into the proceedings.

Love Taps for Two Rounds.

For two rounds they exchanged love taps, and the few spectators began to In the third round Fitz was counting up the house in order to see how much money there would be to ward his wedding expenses. Choynski saw the opportunity, and sent a smashing left to the jaw that tumbled Fitz down on his face and set the small erowd yelling like a tribe of Co-

Fitz rolled over on the floor, his freckles mingling with the resin dust, and Choynski stood watching him with a critical smile. Finally Ruby Robert got up on his hands and knees and shook his head to clear it. Just as the referee counted nine Fitz tottered to his feet. Croynski rushed forward to finish his man, but Fitz clutched the Calofornian before he could strike, and held him like grim death. All around the stage they wrtseled, Choynski making a desperate effort to free himself and Fitz hanging to his man like a

When Fitz had steadied himself he broke away and sparred at long range to the end of the round. With one minute of sponging and towel swinging, Fitz was quite fresh when he came up for the fourth round

Maher Had Fitz Dazed.

Fitzsimmons had another narrow escape, this time at the hands of Peter Maher. They met in a bout at New Orleans in 1892, and Maher reached Fitz's Jaw with one of his famous lefthanders, in the second round. Down to the canvas went Fitz, with his nose in the dust, but on his knee. He was apparently unable to get his head off the floor, although his legs were not seriously affected.

The Cornishman was scraping his nose in the dust until it was close to the count of ten, when he managed to get on his feet. After that he was careful and gradually wore Maher down to a point where the Irish hampion became discouraged and refused to come out of his corner for the thirteenth round.

George Dixon had an unpleasant experience in the City of Brotherly Love 1892, when he was completely knocked out by the Kentucky Rosebud. negro who had shown some hitting ability, but scant courage. The circumstances under which Dixon was defeated were such that the Rosebud got little credit for it, and, as he later 'fluked" out of a match with "Litttle Chocolate," in which Dixon had planned to get even with the Rosebud, the knockout was regarded as a contemptible double-cross and went down in the records as a draw battle.

LAST YEAR FOR MILLER

Famous Jockey Thinks He Has Won Enough Money to Deserve Rest for Awhile.

Walter Miller, America's best jockey, says that this will be his last year in the saddle, as far as the tracks in this country are concerned. "I feel that I will have earned a little rest and enjoyment after this season," said Miller the other day, "and as I am growing older it naturally becomes more difficult to maintain my contract weight. This I can only do by depriving myself of even ordinary luxuries. I feel that I have done my share in the racing game. I can do 103 pounds now, but sometimes it is with the greatest difficulty. By next year, if I continue to grow as I have been doing lately, it will be impossible for me to make this weight. I do not expect to be a rider all my life. I have been hard at work for the last five years and have made a success, so that I would much prefer to retire before my usefulness has gone. In this way I will leave the saddle carrying with me the respect and good will of the racing public. It is just possi-ble that I may do a little riding in Eu-It is just possirope later on, but that will not be for

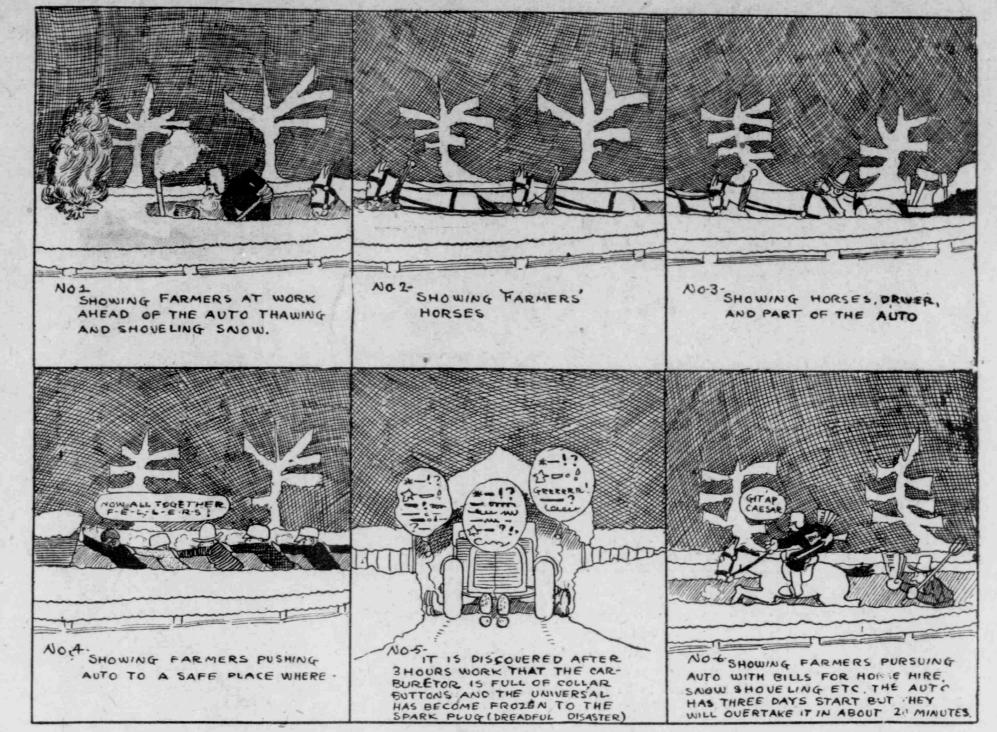
Miller has made \$200,000 since he first became famous as a jockey several years ago, and has laid away a good portion of this amount.

PENN PICKED TO WIN.

Have Strongest Line-up for Track and Field Meet.

Yale and Cornell already look to be out of the running for the intercollegiate championship next spring. The Ithacans have lost heavily through athletes falling back in their studies, while John Mack is up against a game of "making bricks without straw" up at New Haven, Pennsy should win big games this year, with Cartmell. Haskins and Taylor backed up by the new one Murphy hopes to whip into cham-

AUTOMOBILE ANNIHILATING SPACE IN NEW YORK-PARIS RACE



S-P-O-R-T-O-L-O-G-Y BY W. D. RISHEL.

That New York-Paris automobile race has resolved itself into one huge joke. When it was first planned the automobilists of the country looked for a race which would be the talk of the world while it was going on and which would' demonstrate that the auto as a means of travel was equal to any task that night be demanded of it. Instead of doing what was expected, the first of the six cars reached Chicago in thirteen days after it left New York. This is not much better time than Edward Weston, the seventy-year-old pedestrian, did over practically the same roads three months ago. Twelve years ago bicycles covered the distance from Francisco to New York in less time than the leader of the automobiles did from New York to Chicago. The racers used horses and in some places used a locomotive to help them along. On top of this, it is announced that the race will only continue until March 5, when they will take the train for the Pacific coast and finish the rest of the race in a Pullman car. Could any person imagine a bigger farce than this

Mistakes Made by Promoters.

The race as planned would have been one of the big sporting events of the year, and one of the greatest of possible boosts for the automobile if the promoters had used the smallest fraction of judgment. The route should have been through the southern part of the United States, where it would have been possible to travel at this time of the year. Then a route should have been named only after it had been gone over and selected by persons competent to judge roads. The machines should have been compelled to travel their entire distance by their own motive power. The autos should go the entire distance by land with the exception of the small neck of water from Alaska to Asia. The race should have been so scheduled that this part of the continent could have been reached in the summer months. If this plan had been carried out, it would have been a race worthy of the name and an achievement that would have been wondered at in years to come. The writer believes such a race can be pulled off and with success, and it would be a great boost for automobiles.

Outlook for Horse Racing. While there has been more or less talk about horse racing around Salt Lake this spring, the first real move toward that end was taken the past week, and in all probability the game will be prosperous the coming season. It will be hard to work up any great amount of interest in the sport in Salt Lake, also Ogden, but in the smaller towns it is something new and will take well. Salt Lake has had such indifferent racing in the past several years that it will be an uphill job to interest the public in the sport. The game has been mismanaged and run down until now when one speaks of horse racing some one is ready to take a fling at the sport as it has been conducted in the past. These conditions also exist in Ogden. There is no reason why as good racing as the state has ever had should not be given this year and in all probability there will be. In the past couple of years there have been many fast horses imported into Utah, and as the game been quiet, little attention has been paid to them. The promoters will in all probability succeed in getting these horses entered throughout the state. and fast pacing and trotting miles are bound to result. The scheme of a state circuit is a good one, and one that should have been in practice for the past several years. This circuit should heip to boost the sport in Salt Lake, where it is in the greatest need of a

High-class Trap Shooting. Salt Lake defeated Ogden in their intercity trap shoot, and the members of the local club were about as happy as the Junction City shooters were downcast over the outcome. For the past three or four years there has been the strongest kind of rivalry between

these two towns in the trap game and, while the competition was keen, it was also so fierce that it is doubtful if there is another city in the country of the same size which could get in and defeat a team of ten men from either place. While Salt Lake won the third and deciding shoot, the percentage of victory in the three shoots was so small that it shows Ogden was a worthy opponent. In the three shoots Salt Lake broke 1.289 and Ogden broke 1.285. It will be seen that Salt Lake was just four targets ahead in this number, which gives some idea of the closeness of the shooting. The ten men for the Salt Lake team averaged 88.89 per cent in the three shoots, and the Ogden team averaged 88.62 per cent. It would hard to find a tournament in the United States where twenty men shooting at the same number of birds will finish with this kind of a record.

Where Bat Got Rudie.

Rudolph Unholz and Battling Nelson are the closest kind of friends. Before their recent fight they were like brothers, and also were the day after the contest. Unholz always boasts of his friendship for Nelson and the manner in which Bat loves him, but an incint happened the day after their Les Angeles meeting that had the Boer guessing. It will be remembered that some of the Los Angeles papers gave Bat the best of their fight, while some said the Boer won. On the day after the contest the Boer called on Bat at his room in the hotel and was greeted with a "Hello, Rudie, how are you feeling?" Unholz took a chair and asked Bat what he was doing. Nelson threw over a bundle of wrappers and asked Unholz to get busy and wrap up a lot of papers Bat said he was sending to his friends. Unholz willingly did as he was told, and when they were finished asked Nelson what was in the papers. Nelson replied: "Oh, I am sending those all over the United States, and even to your friends in Africa. That is the paper which tells how bad I licked you last night."

Jack Johnson Uses Good Logic.

At this writing it appears that Jack Johnson and Tommy Burns are really to get together in England. It is hard to believe that Burns will fight the dinge, but in face of the recent dispatches, one must give the bunk champ credit, until it is shown that the proposed match is only a stall to boost Burns for his future lemons. According to the same dispatches. Johnson held back on account of the size of the purse offered him, \$5,000 win or lose or draw. One can hardly blame Johnson for this, as he can easily make twice as much by fighting Burns in America. But the colored champ says is the chance of a lifetime to get Burns in the ring, and after the battle he will be champion, which is worth more than the size of the purse. It is good logic, and shows that Johnson really thinks he can defeat the biggest dub that ever posed as a heavyweight

AFTER RUSSIAN GOLD.

American Horsemen to Send Five Racers Abroad.

Chicago, Feb. 29.-At a meeting of horsemen from various sections of the United States, held at the Annex last night, a committee was selected to have the United States represented at the international trotting race, to be held in St. Petersburg this fall for a purse of \$54,000, offered by the Russian government. The committee named at the meeting to select the five horses, trainers, jockeys and equipment to be sent to Russia, consists of W. E. D. Stokes and Russell Allen of York, H. K. Devereaux of Cleveland, and Frank Gorton of Chicago. A fifth member will be named by the executive committee of the American Horse Breeders' association, probably Colonel Watts of Virginia.

BIG DERBY

President Diaz Favors a Regular Meeting for City of Montezuma.

New York, Feb. 29 .- F. M. Shortell. a former attache of the Fasig-Tipton company in this city, but now a merchant in Mexico, says the movement to promote first-class racing in the republic to the south of the Rio Grande is sure to produce results that will be benefit to breeders in the United States. The Mexicans want horses badly, and they prefer the thoroughbred strain to all others. The project has the warm support of the government, that is to say, of Don Porfirio Diaz.

President Diaz has long sought to establish in Mexico a fine breed of horses, and being a long-headed man, he appreciates the fact that the best way to get what he wants is to encourage acing. There is no organized racing in Mexico as in the United States. One or two days' meetings are held at the City of Mexico at various times during the winter months under the direction of various social societies.

The German society will, for example, give a two days' meeting shortly in commemoration of the birthday of Emperor William.

Later the American and English societies will follow suit. It would not, Mr. Shortell believes, require much work to secure the co-operation of these societies with the Mexican Jockey club in an organized attempt to give regular and high-class meetings. Racing is thoroughly popular among the Mexicans, and after seeing a little conducted on American lines, Mr. Shortell believes they would abandon bull fighting for it. The giving of a \$30,000 Derby for 3-year-olds, the horses to be in the country at the time of nomination. is practically President Diaz's idea.

MARCH 1 IN THE ANNALS OF SPORT

1880 - National Yachting association of the United States organized. 1882-James H. Hart, catcher on the Chicago American league world's championship team of 1906, born at Everett: Mass.

1866-At Burlington, Ia., C. H. Hyman, with 32-calibre rifle, at distance of 25 feet, broke 471 glass balls out of 1890-At Bear Lake, Minn., Hugh

McCormick defeated Axel Paulsen in n-mile skating race for \$800. 1899-At Saginaw, Mich., George Lavigne and George Siddons fought sev-

enty-seven-round draw. 1905-At Grand Rapids, John L. Sullivan knocked out Jack McCormick in second round. 1906-At Chelsea, Mass., Sam Langford knecked out Larry Temple in fif-

1907-At Pittsburg, Norman Baptie broke world's record in quarter-mile indoor ice skating, making :38 1-5.

ELWERT MAY JOIN OUTLAWS Well-known Ball Player Doesn't Like Terms Offered.

Pueblo, Colo., Feb. 29.-Bill Elwert, the Pueblo Indians' third sacker last eason, and who was sold to the Toledo club of the American association, has received a big offer from the Sacramento (Cal.) outlaw team, and probably will accept. Edwert refused to sign Armour's contract and the new

offer is \$600 better. Elwert was a member of the Bruns-wick bowling team of Denver, which competed at the first meet of the Western Bowling congress at Salt Lake. He made many friends while in Salt Lake, and was one of the best bowlers at the tournament.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY NAMED

Harry Lewis and Jimmy Gardner May Get Together on This Date.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 29.-Although no date has been set as yet, it is now almost certain that Harry Lewis of Philadelphia and Jimmy Gardner of Lowell, Mass., will get together in Frisco for a twenty-five round bout next month, probably on St. Patrick's day.

Matchmaker James Coffroth has offered that date, and named 142 pounds as the weight at which they will fight, so that the contest may be billed as for the white welterweight championship of the world. Matchmaker Coffroth declares that both men have agreed on terms and expressed themselves as satisfied with Billy Roche as referee.

Announcement of the probability of the match is hailed by local ring followers as promising a mill worth seeing. Gardner has fought in California and made a good impression. It will be Lewis' first appearance on the

JOHN M'GRAW'S RESOLVE.

Last fall when the ponies were running at Pimlico a lot of ball players used to show up every race day. One of the most inveterate race track habitues is John McGraw, the scrappy manager of the New York National team. Last fall things at the Pimlico track ran badly for the betters, although the bookmakers had no reason to complain, and in consequence the men who made the wagers were a pretty grumpy-looking lot the whole of this rather disastrous meet.

One afternoon just before the first race McGraw, Joe Kelly, Jack Dunn, Robinson, the old Baltimore catcher; Seybold of the Athletics and George Carey, once a Washington first baseman, were all leaning against the judges' stand, when who should come up to the group but Kid Gleason, the Philadelphia second baseman, who, on seeing. McGraw, rushed over and, shaking him by the hand, cried: "Aha, Johnny! still following the

horses, eh?" "Yes," snorted McGraw, who was some thousands to the bad, "and if I ever catch up with them I'm going to

WAGNER MAY QUIT.

Famous Pittsburg Player Wants Chicken Farm.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 29.-Hans Wagner, the mighty shortstop of the Pirates, and champion batsman of the National League, has thrown consternation into the hearts of the fans, as well as President Dreyfus, by reiterating his midwinter threat that he will not play the coming season. Wagner declares he is negotiating for the purchase of a chicken farm and that he will devote his time to raising chickens.

Kills Resolution Which Calls for Perpetual Blacklist of Players.

President Pulliam has won out in his fight. It is rather a burying of the hatchet, and all is now quiet in the camp of the national commission, and Herrmann and Pulliam have shaken hands across a chasm which promised at one time to separate forever the august members of the commission and cause the retirement of President Pulliam from the big league baseball.

The climax of the much-talked-about affair came at the meeting of the national commission at the office of President Pulliam last week. The entire commission, composed of Harry Pulliam of the National league, Ban Johnson of the American league and Chairman August Herrmann were present. Secretary John E. Bruce was also on hand.

The session lasted for several hours and the only matter taken up was the "black list," which caused the trouble. After it was all over there were three very expressive statements which sum up what took place at the meeting. Mr. Bruce said all that was needed was for those interested to get together; that all had been looking at the matter from different viewpoints and needed to come to an understanding.

Ban Johnson had nothing to say, but AugustHerrmann remarked blandly that he was glad that it had all come out peaceably and was delighted that it was

Harry Pulliam smiled as he said. "All's well that ends well." And thus the tempest in the teapot is ended. Soon after the members assembled, the question was discussed from all standpoints and it early appeared that there were not nearly as many differ ences of opinion as was expected. The result was a happy issue, in which a resolution was offered by Mr. Pulliam

and afterward adopted unanimously. When the National association adopted the ineligible rule which blacklisted the players who were with the Tri-State league two years ago, it virtually put twenty-two baseball men outside the ranks of organized baseball, and by resolution forbade the national commission to interfere. It was this which aroused the righteous indignation of President Pulliam and caused the breach in the national commission.

J. H. Farrell, secretary of the National association, had been invited to attend the meeting and was present in an ante-room. When Chairman Herrmann announced that Mr. Farrell would not be required to be present it was evident that the big moguls had been able to adjust their own differences. No other business was considered by

the commission, and the session was continued from day to day until all other matters brought before the sion were disposed of. The resolution offered by Mr. Pulliam is as follows. and shows an evident determination on the part of the commission to manage its own affairs and not to be dictated

to by the minor league Aganization: Whereas, the attention of the national commission has been called to a certain resolution passed at the last meeting of the National association pertaining to ineligible players; and,

'Whereas, there seems to be a misunderstanding as to the meaning and effect of said resolution, therefore, be it 'Resolved, That it is the sense of the national commission that said resolu tion cannot at any time be construed by any one operating under the provision of the national agreement as in any manner to infringe upon or interfere with the rights vested in the national ommission under article VIII, section 5, to reinstate any national agreement player who has heretofore or may hereafter be declared an ineligible player.

NEWMEYER IN GAME AGAIN

Former Salt Lake Twirler Thinks His Pitching Arm Is All Right.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 29.-Harry Newmeyer has resolved upon once more trying the baseball game. Mr. Newmeyer is one of the best of the lefthanded pitchers that have been developed in Denver, having played on Salt Lake, Denver, Colorado Springs, Sioux City and other teams, and having done so well that a year ago he was given a trial by the Pittsburg management of the National League. A bad arm kept him from doing himself justice while with the Pittsburgers, so he was released at his own request. He returned to Denver directly thereafter and has been working in a wholesale grocery house since. This winter he has been pitching ball in a careful manner, finding that his arm is as good as ever. He has all of the curves, with good control, and has the old-time Newmeyer speed. Thus encouraged he is now considering two proposals for using his skill. Los Angeles, of the Pacific Coast League, and Fresno, of the new "outlaw" league of California, have made offers for the pitcher's services. The latter offers an eight-months season. Newmeyer has not decided which offer he will take, though he inclines to the one from the team in socalled "organized" baseball.

Gotch's Offer to Dub Rogers

New York, Feb. 29.-Frank Gotch. champion heavyweight wrestler of America, has jumped at the chance offered him for a match with Joe Rog-ers, the American who was defeated by Hackenschmidt in London a couple of weeks ago. Rogers yesterday announced his willingness to meet Gotch, and at the same time said he knew he

could whip the Iowa man. Gotch, with his manager, J. H. Herman, at once came to the Hearst News Service office and the following are the terms on which he will wrestle Rogers.

Said Gotch: "Rogers is talking so long and foolishly that to shut him up I will agree to meet him. To give him a chance, I will undertake to throw him five times in an hour. Failing to do so, Rogers can have all the money that the bout draws. If I make good, I want all the

cept these terms, he can take up this offer: I will meet him in private in any one of the local gymnasiums and throw him five times in an hour for fun.

'These offers may not strike Rogers as liberal enough, so I will make them more tempting, for I really want to try this 'world beater' out. Here is some sugar coating for the pill: I will give him \$500 if he is able to keep from being thrown five times in sixty minutes. This goes, whether we meet in public or private. If he managed to stay on his feet in the public contest the \$500 would be a nice addition to the total gate receipts. The match must take place March 5, 6 or 7, as those are the

only dates I have open." To show that he meant business Gotch's manager posted \$100, the halance of the \$500 to be put up as soon money. If Rogers doesn't care to ac- as Rogers says the word.